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Annual Parent Leadership Conference Agenda **Strengthening Partnerships to Achieve Student Success**

Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, Madison, Wisconsin
Wednesday, September 29, 2010

7:45 - 8:30 Registration and Refreshments

8:30 - 9:50 General Session

Exhibition Hall A (Lower Level)

Welcome

Michael Thompson, Deputy State Superintendent
of Public Instruction

Keynote

Byron Garrett, National PTA Chief Executive Officer
As CEO, Byron provides leadership for staff working in partnership with volunteer leadership to steward the nation's largest child advocacy association composed of more than five million members around the globe. Throughout his career, he has been a visionary agent of change promoting the idea that everyone has an obligation and opportunity to serve the best interests of our nation's most precious resource – children. Byron brings to PTA a unique combination of experience from both the non-profit and governmental sectors.

9:50 – 10:00 Break

10:00 -- 10:55 Morning Workshops A

The Partnership Process

A1. Hall of Ideas G-J

Introduction to Partnerships Basics: District Level

A must-attend for districts striving to implement long-lasting, effective partnerships that involve ALL students' families meaningfully. Learn how to use the Six Types of Partnerships, the Partnerships Action Team and the One-Year Action Plan for district-wide improvement. Boost children's learning, welcome families, and get your school year off to a great start. A great workshop to attend with others from your district.

A2. Ballroom B

Introduction to Partnerships Basics: School Level

Children learn better when parents are involved. Discover how your school can use the Six Types of Partnerships, the Partnerships Action Team and the One-Year Action Plan to create a custom-made, research-based effort that advances your school goals right from the start of the year. Attend with a team from your school so everyone is on the same page when you get home.

A3. Hall of Ideas H-I

Sharing Works for Your District

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wealth" of their own knowledge and successful ideas. Upscale your partnership practices to reach more buildings, students and families!

A4. Hall of Ideas E-F

Sharing What Works for Your School

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A5. Hall of Ideas

Organizing Parents for Partnerships:

The Role of Parent Organizations in Schools

Learn how parent organizations can provide schools with an authentic parent voice, leadership, and trusting relationships centered around children. National PTA CEO **Byron Garrett** and Wisconsin PTA President **Roxanne Starks** share insights for strengthening parent organizations in your school or district.

A6. Hall of Ideas

The Team Effort: Gaining Staff Buy-In for Partnerships

Getting everyone on staff aboard the partnership bandwagon may be harder than it sounds. Learn how some schools create a whole-school approach to partnerships, nurturing enthusiasm and trust with families and every member of your school staff.

11:00 – Noon Morning Workshops B

Relating Partnerships to School Issues

B1. Hall of Ideas E-F

Math Workshop

Math is for everyone. Learn new activities that parents and teachers can use at school and home to help every child succeed in math. This practical, child-centered approach offers hands-on ideas for everyone.

B2. Hall of Ideas H-I

Reading Workshop

Good readers are more likely to be successful in school, and it all starts at home. How can families be reading-ready and knowledgeable about what reading strategies at home will help their child succeed at school? Bring your questions and thoughts to this learning session.

B3. Hall of Ideas

Healthy Living and Good Nutrition: Making Connections between Home and School

Healthy, well-nourished children are better able to reach their full academic and physical potential, are absent less often, and have higher test scores. Explore with **Jill Camber Davidson**, DPI Nutrition Education consultant,

how parents and school staff can work together to ensure that good health is a priority for children at home and at school.

B4. Hall of Ideas

School Finance 101: A Primer for Families

Fair funding for schools must provide adequate investments in children's education, even in the most difficult of financial times. Tom Beebe, Wisconsin Alliance for Excellent Schools, explains how school finance issues affect your district and how you can impact them.

B5. Hall of Ideas

The Core Academic Standards:

Wisconsin's On-Ramp to the Global Highway

Wisconsin is a national leader in adopting English and math standards that equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to compete and succeed in the global economy. Hear what parents need to know about the standards so they can help children learn.

B6. Hall of Ideas

Involving Fathers in Children's Learning

A little father involvement goes a long way to increasing a child's school success. **Charles Saylor, National PTA President**, discusses why it's so important for fathers to be involved in their children's schools and why more and more fathers are doing so inside and outside of PTA.

Noon – 12:45 LUNCH

Exhibition Hall A (Lower Level)

*Be sure to visit the booths sponsored by Parents Plus, Wisconsin FACETS, VISTA*AmeriCorps, and Wisconsin PTA!*

Luncheon Message from Featured Guest Speaker
Charles Saylor, National PTA President.

1:00 – 2:00 Afternoon Workshops

Building the Climate for Partnerships

C1. Ballroom B

Bridging and Building Community Leadership for English Language Learners and Their Families

Presenters from DPI will highlight ways to increase ELL parental involvement, ELL academic achievement and describe ways to enhance a school culture that will support ELL students and their families.

C2. Hall of Ideas H-I

Cultivating Parent Leadership on School Teams

How can schools and families work together to create positive learning environments that benefit all students? Learn more about the role of parents in school leadership and decision-making. Share your ideas about what works to get parents involved in shaping school programs from the ground up with **Dawn Wians, Wisconsin FACETS.**

C3. Hall of Ideas

Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS): Building on Children's, Families' Strengths

How can schools and families together create learning environments that benefit all students? PBIS is a team-based, problem-solving process that has improved student achievement and behavior in many schools, as part of Response to Intervention. Hear an overview and strategies for ensuring that families feel welcome and well-informed about participating in this important process.

C4. Hall of Ideas

Smooth Transitions for Families and Children K-12

Starting Kindergarten, middle, and high school need not be a time of worry and stress for children and families. Hear about three schools' efforts to involve families in making the process smooth at all three levels.

C5. Hall of Ideas

Policymaking for Good Partnerships at District and State Levels

Family-friendly policies set the stage for teachers, administrators, and parents to work together for students. What do effective district and state policies look like, including Title I and No Child Left Behind, and how can they propel your partnerships from "random acts" to purposeful plans?

C6. Hall of Ideas

A Safe Place for All: What Parents should Know about Anti-Bullying Efforts in Wisconsin Schools

What does Wisconsin's new Anti-Bullying Policy mean for students and families? **Jon Hisgen, DPI health education consultant** discusses what children will learn in school and how schools can involve families in creating safe, positive learning environments for all students.

2:00 – 2:10 Break

***Turn into the registration desk your nomination for a "Partnership Pal" prize! Give a team member attending the conference (or yourself!) the chance to be recognized for working to involve families!

2:10 – 3:00 General Session

Exhibition Hall A (Lower Level)

World Café: Making Partnerships Happen at Your School

Facilitators will ask two questions: What are you going to do to improve partnerships in your school/community? How will you make it happen at your school or in your district?

Partnership Pal Award Drawings

3:00 Adjourn

Please Turn in Evaluations at the Registration Desk

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